the whole road is taken over by the P. W. D.? The present form of dyarchy in the maintenance of this road does not seem to work well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The portion of the road maintained by the Panchayat Department has not been aligned properly. So the work will come under 'Original construction' and not simply maintenance. Since we are not doing many works on roads of an original character outside the programme laid down by the Road Board, we are not able to take up the work now.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the time when this was transfered to the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was not transferred.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I take it then that it was originally under the P. W. D.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No, It was with the Panchayat all the time.

KODAKARA-VELLIKKULANGARA ROAD.

139. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Kodakara-Vellikkulangara road has now been completed;

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for such a long delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The road has not been completed. The extension has been provided for in the Road Board programme to be taken up this year.

(*b*) The acquisition proceedings are in progress and the estimate is under preparation.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—PROGRESS MADE.

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how far the Shanmukham canal has progressed;

(*b*) what is the width of the land acquired on both sides of the canal;

(*c*) how will this area be utilised;

(*d*) have the Government any idea to keep this as a cocoanut garden and foot-path?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) 7593 units of earthwork have been turned out. Earthwork and other works such as construction of bridge, etc., are also progressing.

(*b*) From 0' to 18250' of the canal the width of the land acquired on either side of the canal varies from 20' to 120' and from 18250' to the end of the canal the acquisition is only on one side of the canal. The width of the land acquired in this portion varies from 120' to 460' excluding the width of the canal.

(*c*) and (*d*) This area is primarily required for the deposition of spoils but the question of selling these lands or of using them in any manner is under consideration.

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